(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Her request for a transfer to Trichur has not been refused; but it has been noted for consideration when a suitable chance arises.

CULTIVATION OF PADDY

656. **Mr. P. T. Jacob** *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the rice available from the paddy cultivation in the State is nearly 1,00,000 (one hundred thousand) tons per year;

(*b*) whether more than 10 per cent is needed for seed reserve;

(*c*) would not there be available at least 75 per cent of the total production of rice for general consumption;

(*d*) how many paddy cultivating landlords are there who have 50 and more acres of land in their possession and the extent of land they possess; what is the quantity of paddy commandeered from them in the previous year;

(*e*) what is the total acreage under cultivation below 50 acre holdings; and what was the quantity of paddy commandeered from them in the previous year?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The estimated yield of rice, if there is no crop failure, will be nearly 90,000 tons per year. In 1121, M.E., owing to partial crop failure it is estimated to be about 80,000 tons only.

(*b*) On an average only 10 per cent of the gross yield is needed for seed.

(*c*) No. The quantity available for procurement and rationing will be the total production minus (1) 10 per cent for seed, (2) 10 per cent for "vally" (wages in kind), (3) 40 per cent to 50 per cent as allowance to land-holders for domestic consumption; that is, between 60 and 70 per cent will be needed for cultivation and domestic consumption of land-holders and their dependants. The term 'Landholder' includes both the Jenmi and the tenant as well as their dependants. The allowance given averages 3 paras paddy per adult per month. Hence the net quantity available for purchase will be between 30 and 40 per cent of the gross yield only.

(*d*) & (*e*) The statistics called for are not available. It may, however be pointed out that the information will not be of use to gauge the success of the procurement scheme, for the following reasons.—

(1) The yield per acre per year in different taluks varies from 20 paras to 200 or even 300 paras.

(2) The quantity availabe for purchase will depend on whether the land is directly cultivated by the owner or leased out. In many cases lands let out on Kanam tenure are leased sub-leased and cultivated on Varam or Pankupattam basis. In such cases all the persons having a lien on the land come under the category of landholders, and they and their dependants have to be given paddy allowance, over and above the fixed quantity allowed per acre for seed and vally. Hence the number of holdings, big and small, cannot give any true indication of the quantity available for purchase.

FOOD DEPARTMENT—CASTE-WAR STATEMENT

657. **Mr. P. K. Dewer** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the officers in the Food Department in the following grades.—

(*a*) 25—40;
(*b*) 40—60;
(*c*) 60—80;
(*d*) 80—100;
(*e*) 100—150;
(*f*) 150—200;
(*g*) Over Rs. 200;

how many of these men were appointed from other Departments and what was their pay in their respective Departments when they were taken over to the Food Department;

how many of the Officers in the Food Department were appointed from outside the services. Please give a caste-war statement of those officers with their respective pay

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) to (g) A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

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